



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **OHNUMA, Takayuki, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3726**

Serial No.: **10/583,939**

Examiner: **OMGBA, Essama**

Filed: **June 7, 2007**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **1457**

For: **METHOD OF FORMING MEMBER, VALVE GUIDE AND METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME, AND METHOD OF FORMING TUBULAR MEMBER**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED February 4, 2011**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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April 11, 2011

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated February 4, 2011.

In the Action, restriction is required among Group (I), Claims 1-13; Group (II), Claim 14; Group (III), Claims 15-17; and Group (IV), Claims 18 and 19.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-13, drawn to a method of forming a member for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

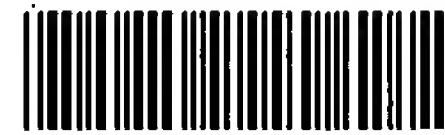
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